



COUNCILMEMBER SHERRI S. LIGHTNER

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Lightner Cites Environmental Leadership, Questions Methodology of “Report Card”

San Diego --- Councilmember Sherri Lightner today highlighted her leadership on environmental issues during the past year. She led the effort to oppose the Regents Road Bridge which threatened Rose Canyon Open Space, supported the City’s Climate Mitigation Action Plan, and led two organizations dedicated to preserving local open space.

“I have supported a wide range of environmental activities and issues throughout my years as a community volunteer and since taking office, and I remain committed to serving in a leadership role on the environmental issues that are important to my communities and our region,” Lightner said.

In addition to the issues listed in the recently released Environmental Quality Report Card (EQRC), Lightner cited her leadership on numerous environmental issues, none of which were included in the EQRC:

- Successfully led effort to oppose the High-Speed Rail route through Rose Canyon Open Space
- Opposed the I-5 Widening from La Jolla Village Drive to Oceanside at SANDAG
- Opposed the Del Mar Fairgrounds expansion plan which will severely impact sensitive habitats
- Sponsored City Council resolution supporting Del Mar Fairgrounds Greenway State legislation
- Successfully opposed Mid-Coast Corridor Trolley route through Rose Canyon Open Space
- Supported Lead Safe San Diego Program to help homeowners remove toxins from their homes
- Supported funding for UCSD to evaluate the health of San Diego’s coastal ecosystems
- Chaired Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Task Force
- Served as Vice Chair of San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority Board

Lightner questioned the methodology behind the EQRC, which last year also created controversy.

“The ‘grade’ is based on a handful of subjectively selected Council votes. Most of the important environmental challenges facing our region are not put to vote at City Council, but rely on the work we do outside the Council chambers,” Lightner said.

“During the coming year, I plan to continue to focus on a number of environmental issues, including a Comprehensive Water Policy for the City of San Diego, a sustainable building policy, public transportation, and open space preservation, and I look forward to continuing to work closely with the environmental community on these issues,” Lightner said.

Sherri Lightner is the Councilmember for Council District One of the City of San Diego, which includes the communities of Black Mountain Ranch, Carmel Valley, Del Mar Mesa, La Jolla, Pacific Highlands Ranch, Rancho Peñasquitos, Torrey Hills, Torrey Highlands, Torrey Pines, and University City. She took office December 8, 2008.
